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Interview Summary

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SCHAUER ET AL.

Examiner

Naschica S Morrison

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Naschica S Morrison.

(3) _____.

(2) Brian Dugan.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 11 February 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Admitted Prior Art of Figures 1 and 2, 4,243,197 to Wright, 6,312,525 to Bright et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant asserted that there is no motivation to modify the APA of Figure 2 based on the fact that the pedestal shown therein is a "standard" pedestal suggested by SEMI for use in any facility; and further that the fact that the pedestal is "standardized" would teach away from customization. Applicant also provided general information regarding the APA of Figure 2 and the environment in which the pedestal is used. Examiner suggested that the Applicant's arguments might be stronger if additional documentation/literature regarding SEMI and the "standard" pedestal of the APA of Figure 2 were provided. Applicant also asserted that, in lieu of the arguments stated above, one would not look to the teachings of Wright (non-analogous art) to modify the APA of Figs. 2 and 1. Applicant also made examiner aware of the potential introduction of an additional independent claim similar to claim 1 and to further include limitations regarding the facilities connection locations. Examiner brought US 6,312,525 to Bright et al. to Applicant's attention as a patent of interest.